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SATURDAY EVENING.

September and December Option

Below a Dollar.

Chicago, April 24.—Wheat for de-livery in September and December selling under a dollar and July wheat

Stampede in New York

All His Troops Killed, Wounded,

Captured or Have Run Away.

Constantinople, April 24 .- The sul-

Of the 5,000 men at the disposal

P. F. COLLIER DEAD.

turers' Board of Trade, the Tax Re form association, the Ohio Society o New York, and many others. He wa

a Republican by political faith, and a Roman Catholic by religion. In New York city in July, 1873, he was married to Miss Katharine Dunne

of Park, Ireland. One son, Robert Joseph Collier, was born to this union, and he has been his father's partner in business since his majority.

DEATH OF CONRIED.

Is Reported to Paris From the Aus

trian Tyrol.

Paris, April 24.—It is reported here that Heinrich Conried, formerly

Declines Mexican Mission,

director of the Metropolitan Op house of New York, died today

FIVE CENTS

FOUR DIE IN ROOMS AT HOTEL FIRE TRAP

· Guests at Central Cafe Smothered by Smoke.

Rooms of Three Had No Outside Connection.

DEATH OF BROTHERS

Ben Sippey, K. U. Student, Here on a Visit.

Had Gone With Topeka Relative to Fatal Hotel.

CLAY CENTER MAN DIES

Was in Topeka Attending Christian Endeavor Convention.

J. W. Erickson, Prominent Visitor, Among Victims.

FIRE SPREAD RAPIDLY

Guests Were Awakened But Waited Too Long.

Work After Delay.

The Dead

BENJAMIN SIPPEY, K. U. student, Belle Blaine, Kansas.

WALTER SIPPEY, chemist, employed at Santa Fe shops.

L. E. STRATTON, dishwasher in hotel; home, Polk county, Mo. The Injured.

7. Brown, traveling salesman, City, injured jumping from

Miss Vina Rost, Topeka, both hands burned, overcome by smoke.

George Goodrich, lleutenant fire company, hands burned.

F. L. Campbell, hotel proprietor, ome by smoke

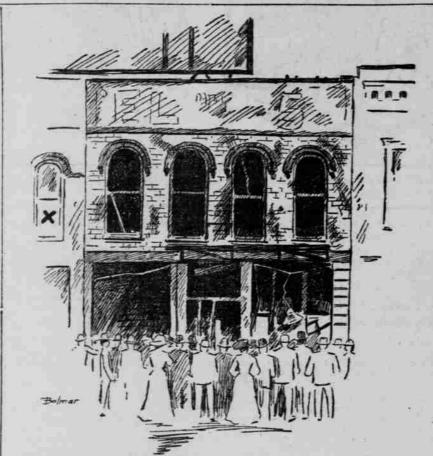
One of the most disastrous fires

ing, and this gives rise to the theory that the fire was started by defective wiring. The flames spread to the kitchen just below where the gas pipe was either leaking or had been br beat, and in an instant the building was in flames. The were fanned by the breeze flames were farmed by the breeze which was blowing through the dining room. The flames also spread upward and were soon being whipped through the hallways upstairs. The slarm was spread and every one chance to escape although though whose lives were lost were early come by the intense heat of the flame. which were breaking through the hall

Three Rooms Were Firetraps Three of the rooms which claimed victims were known as "blind" rooms These three were located on the south-side of the building next to the W. W. Webb building on the south of the hotel structure. In front of the rooms was a narrow stairway, not over four feet in width, which was the only opening in these rooms. There were no windows nor even a skylight in these three rooms. The chance for escape was small from the start, and was totally gone by the time the rap-id spreading flames had reached the second floor. The construction of these three rooms was a fire trap to say the least, and after investigating the arrangement of this portion of the hotel, there is little wonder that three lives were lost. Some of the city and county officials who investi-gated the arrangement of the hotel after the fire stated that it could be only criminal negligence that allowed the hotel to use these three rooms in connection with the hotel. At any

Other Rooms Comparatively Safe. The remainder of the rooms were comparatively safe from fire. There were exits in all of the rooms and sey-

rate the rooms should have been con



Fire Department Does Heroic The Central-Cafe Hotel, in Which Four People Were Burned to Death, as It Looks Today. Crossmark Indicates Room in Which Erickson Died.

eral led out on the roof of an ad-joining building on the rear to the north. The hotel was only two stories the night clerk and Charles Summers dead. This was done before the arrival of the fire department, with the exception of C. W. Brown, who jumped just as a ladder was being raised to

sist him.
Three of the guests were smothered to death. Ben Sippy tried to escape through the burning hall and his body was badly charred. Had there been openings in the rooms there

Search for Dead Bodies.

After the fire was over Dr. H. H.

room, it being one of the "blind" Stratton to Penwell's undertaking rooms on the south side of the hotel, where the only possible avenue of escape was through the doorway leading suffocation. Erickson slept in a room From a fire

Walter Sippey Found Fire.

It was one of those cruel ironies of fate that caused Walter Sippey his

in height, and there was not a great the night cook, to some fumes that of the fire, and occupied a room front-

possible to recognize him, as he was not well known here, and his body was charred almost beyond recognition. At first it was thought that he was Fred Gay, a pressman on the Mail & Breeze, but everything seems to indicate that it is the body of Sippey, would be held over all the bodies, and the strength would be made to leave the

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Plan of the Second Floor of the Central Hotel.

Miss Vina Rost said to be a guest of the hotel, was badly burned. Her hands and wrists were both scorched badly while her hair in front was burned off. She is the daughter of Ernest Rost who formerly was proprietor of the German bakery on lower Versea avenue and who is now night. prietor of the German bakery on lower Kansas avenue, and who is now night baker for M. Alexander of the Royal bakery. Miss Vina has been in Kansas City for some time but returned only a few days ago. Her parents live at 124 Topeka avenue. She is a young iady of about 24 years. After the fire she was taken by Dr. Keith to the Brunswick hotel, where she was given medical attention. Later in the morning when she had recovered from the shock of her burns she was taken to her home.

Lieutenant Goodrich Hurt.

Lieutenant George Goodrich, of the fire department, was injured in the fire. A gas main in the kitchen was causing no small amount of trouble and in shut-A gas main in the kitchen was causing no small amount of trouble and in shutting off the flow of the gas Lieutenant Goodrich received some severe burns in both hands which will keep him on the lospital list for several days.

The building is owned by M. Snattinger. The loss to the building is not large as was first estimated. The woodwork on the interior of the building was badly charred, and the dining room will have to be completely remodelled. The walls of the building, however, are still standing and intact and will probably pass as substantial enough when the building is rebuilt. Several of the walls on the south end of the second floor were cracked by the fire. The building, however, was not gutted, and it is likely that all of the loss will be covered by insurance. It is not likely, however, that the building could ever be rebuilt along the same lines, as it was to say the least—a deadly fire trap.

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trap.

The dining room was recently remodeled and the balcony put in at a cost of several thousand dollars. New mission furniture was installed in this room, which will be a total loss.

Brown Injured by Jumping.

C. W. Brown, a traveling salesman, was a guest of the hotel at the time were penetrating upstairs. At least ing on Kansas avenue near the north this is the story told by Summers. end of the hotel annex. He was awakthis is the story told by Summers. The alarm was quickly spread by Hally and Summers, but Walter went back to his room to dress and to awaken his brother. By this time the flames had spread so fast that their only means of escape were shut off.

Ben Sippey's Body Charred.

Ben Sippey attempted to reach the stairway and escape in that manner, but before he could reach the stairway and escape in that manner, but before he could reach the stairs and after the fire his charred body was found right at the head of the stairs. It was almost impossible to recognize him, as he was

Hotel Register Burned.

The hotel register was burned along

From a fire fighting point of view Goebel, Democrat, William S. To the disastrous blaze last night was impregnable. There were no means on former Governor John Young B.

panies over the city on a run, the Topanies over the city on a run, the Topeka fire chief was facing a problem
that required the quickest of lightning
action and the keenest of judgment.
Whipping his horse up he blocked
the streets to the Jensen company,
recalled all the companies with the
exception of the chemical and reversing his own patrol he had every company in the city ordered to the fire on
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The truck and steamer from station The truck and steamer from station No. 2 were the first to arrive at the Central hotel fire. At this time the flames were half way out into the street roaring and belching like an immense furnace. Chief Wilmarth arrived a few seconds later and directed half of the companies into the alley. Here the conditions were similar the fire was leaping across the alley threatening nearby buildings. The cause of such a seething conflagration on such short notice could have only been from one thing—natural gas.

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though he was left in a weak and sickly condition. However by eleven o'clock this morning he was back at the hotel helping to clear away the remaining the was back at the way the remaining the was back at the way the remaining the way the remaining the way the remaining the way the remaining the way the remai

By Pardoning All Under Indictment for the Murder.

YOUTSEY IN PRISON

Alone Must Suffer for the Nine Year Old Tragedy.

Chief Executive Believes There Was No Conspiracy.

Frankfort, Ky., April 24 .- Governor

livery in September and December selling under a dollar and July wheat depressed to a point 3½ cents under yesterday's close were unwelcome facts presented for bull consideration at the opening of the board of trade today. During the first half hour of business but few trades in May were recorded, the opening price being from 1% to 2% cents below the previous close at \$1.19 ½ to \$1.20 ½.

July opened at \$1.07 to \$1.08 ½, which was practically 12 cents under the level attained at the height of the bull campaign before James A. Patten betook himself to the trout streams of Colorado. September wheat opened at \$9 ½ cents and December at 98 ½ cents. The resumption of the decline after a faint steadiness yesterday was based on a drop of 2½ to 3 ½ d at Liverpool, which market weakened under heavy shipments of wheat from all sections of the globe.

Later May on few transactions touched \$1.18, but the close was at \$1.79 %. July closed only %c over the bottom price. The volume of business was small.

Stampede in New York.

willson by had only recently been parameter four trials for alleged connection with the same crime. The petition was largely signed in Kentucky and other states.

Governor Willson's action cleared the Kentucky court records of all charges growing out of the murder in January, of Senator Wm. Goebel, who was also alleged governor, and selfing for foreign account. The general weakening of the position is accentuated by world wide reports of favorable new crop prospects and recent movements of grain. Governor Willson's action cleared the Kentucky court records of all charges growing out of the murder in January, 1900, of Senator Wm. Goebel, who was to declared to have been elected governor, except tuose hanging over state's evidence witnesses in the alleged conspiracy. The additional pardons were granted to John Powers, brother of Caleb Powers, who is believed to be in Honduras; to Holland Whittaker of Butler county; John Davis of Louisville, and Zach Steele of Bell county, under indictment and who did not flee the state. the state

Those over whom indictments are left hanging are Wharton Golden of Knox county, now in Colorado; Frank Cecii of Bell county, now a railroad detec-tive in St. Louis, and Wm. H. Culton of Owsley county, said to have died in the west a few months ago. These cases, with the possible exception of Cecil, will be dimissed, leaving Henry E. Youtsey, now serving a life sentence in the state penitentiary, the only person to suffer for the taking off of Goebel.

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to suffer for the taking off of Goebel.

Reiterating the belief he expressed some months ago when he granted pardons to Caleb Powers and James B. Howard, that no one but Youtsey had a part in the murder and it was not a conspiracy, Governor Willson says that he believes it a "sacred duty, which I must no longer delay, to carry this belief into execution."

Indianapolis, April 24.—William S. Taylor and Charles Finley, one a for-

"I have no immediate plan to return to Kentucky, even for a visit," he said. Mr. Finley will soon return to Kentucky to visit his aged parents at Williamsburg.

History of the Case,
Frankfort, Ky., April 24.—The gubernatorial campaign in 1899, in which the candidates were Ltate Senator William Goebel, Democrat, William S. Taylor, then attorney general. Republican, and

and Patrick, the Merchants and Manufac

ing back to Kansas avenue he saw belching out into the street a blaze that seemed to cat up every building in the vicinity.

With two big fires staring him in the face at once and all of the companies over the city on a run the Tofices. It was proved that Powers had gone to Louisville that day to arrange for the bringing to Frankfort of more had Meran, in the Austrian Tyrol. for the bringing to Frankfort of more men and that the key to his office had been secured by Henry Youtsey, then private secretary to Governor Taylor.

Great excitement followed the shooting and for some time following the capitol was in charge of troops called out by Governor Taylor. The Demogratic majority in the legislature description of the capitol was a control of the capitol of the

capitol was in charge of troops called out by Governor Taylor. The Demo-cratic majority in the legislature de-ciared Senator Goebel governor and he was sworn in practically on his death-bed. He died February 3, 1900. Warrants charging Powers and sev-

eral others with complicity in the as-sassination were sworn out soon after the tragedy. Governor Taylor was not formally accused of connection with until the return of an indictment by the Washington, April 24.—Harvey W. Scott of Portland, Ore., who was tendered the ambassadorship to Mexico today, declined that office. The declination is made in a letter received by President Taft today.

Weather Indications. Chicago, April 24.—Forecast for Kansas: Generally fair tonight and Sunday; warmer tonight; cooler Sun-

WHEAT GOES ON DOWN A Battle in the Streets of the Turkish Capital.

> Results in Victory for Constitutional Army.

SHELLS THE PALACE.

The Casualties Are Reported to Number 1,000.

Thoroughfares Near Firing Line Cleared of Non-Combatants.

ARTILLERY FIRE

Carried on by Batteries of Field and Machine Guns.

American Newspaper Correspondent Shot in the Neck.

Constantinople, April 24.-The forces of the young Turks entered Constantinople this morning at 5 o'clock and after severe fighting in the streets of the city it is estimated 1.000 men were killed or wounded. The Turkish capital was completely their possession by I o'clock this af-ternoon. The constitutionalists are now patrolling the city and order is being maintained. The foreign residents are believed to be in no dan-

The sultan is safe at Yidiz Klosk.

tan yielded to the constitutionalists at 4 o'clock this afternoon, but whether of his majesty yesterday all have been either killed, wounded, captured, or

Held guns, heavy artillery and machine guns were used by both sides and at the same time the local barracks, notably Tasch Kischla, the Constantinople troops put up a resolute defense. No mercy was shown to the troops who led in the uprising of April 14.

Americans Led Out.

A party of 60 American tourists who were in the city were escorted in safety by a detachment of troops to a steamer in the harbor. Several foreigners are said to have been wounded. Among them is Frederick Moore a pewpaper wounded. Among them is Frederick Moore, a newspaper man from New Orleans, who was shot in the neck. Mr. Moore's injury however is not serious, and Minister Leishman has arranged to have him taken to the French hospital. Another American correspondent, named Booth, was slightly wounded in the head. Halld Bey, who has been the representative of the Young Turks in London, speaking today to the representative of the Associated Press, predicted the deposition of the sultan. He said:

"We are all extremely anxious that no injury shall befall his majesty, but it will be impossible after recent events, to expect a continuance of respect, sympathy and loyalty to the present sovereign. Orthodox Moslems

present sovereign. Orthodox Moslems present sovereign. Orthodox Moslems attach loyalty to the office of the califf rather than to the individual occupying this office.

"It is the wish of the constitutional party that the necessary change in sovereigns be brought about by volumes."

untary means, and I have reason to believe that before long a new sovereign will ascend the throne of Turkey. This change will insure the Turkey. This change will restoration of tranquillity.

Beginning of the Battle.

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Constantinople, April 24.—Heavy rifle firing shortly after 5 o'clock this morning mingled with the occasional rattle of artillery from the heights surrounding Yildiz Klosk marked the culmination of the expected clash between the troops of the Constantinople garrison and the army of investment which began its advance on the city yesterday afternoon. The fighting started in the southwest part of Peranear Yildiz Klosk, between the troops under General Mahmoud Schefket, commanding the army of investment, and part of those loyal to the sultan.

The firing was still in progress at 7 o'clock, the Saloniki troops having attacked the Matchka and Tasch Kischlabarracks, south of Yildiz Klosk, where they met stubborn resistance. It is

they met stubborn resistance. It is reported that the casualties are heavy. Despite the fighting excellent order prevailed in the city for a while, but prevailed in the city for a while, our later a panic ensued and thousands began fleeing. Detachments of military cadets, commanded by officers of the constitutionalists are protecting the foreign embassies and every possible measure has been taken to pre-

sible measure has been taken to pre-vent disturbances in the city. Envre Bey, one of the young Turk leaders, has sent a company of infantry to guard each legation. At 10 o'clock the firing had almost ceased, but at long intervals the field guns could be heard with the scatter-ing fire of heavier artillery.

Streets Cleared for Fighting. From the houses near Yildiz Klosk the bodies of those who met death during the encounter near Tasch Kischia barracks are plainly visible. The streets near the firing line have been cleared and all noncombatants have been ordered to remain indoors to prevent casualties and the possibility of mob violence, leaving the streets clear for the exclusive movement of clear for the exclusive movement of the troops. The public has been warn-ed away from the neighborhood of Yildiz Klosk and the lines are im-

General Schefket, commanding the constitutional army, began to occupy Constantinople at dawn. Word came from the city at midnight that the long expected entry had been made but people nevertheless went to bed skeptical, only to be awakened in the Pera quarter by the sound of artillery and the ragged crash of rifle fire in the direction of Yildiz Klosk.

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